

Fairfield City

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION STRATEGY

2020 - 2041











Our City has many great parks and reserves and Council wants all residents to have the best opportunities to get outside and be fit and healthy with family and friends.

Our plans for our City's parks, sports fields, natural bushland and waterways are contained within our Open Space Strategy. This strategy reflects the aspirations of our residents and is designed to meet their needs. It brings together feedback from community workshops, particularly on trees, creeklines and Council's Community Facilities and Open Space Needs Study.

Our open spaces are a wonderful asset and are very important to our community. They provide spaces where residents and families can come together to recharge, get fit, keep cool, have fun and socialise while also improving the visual appeal and liveability of our City. High quality open spaces are vital to the physical and mental health of everyone in our community.

Council has delivered fantastic recreational opportunities in recent years with our redeveloped Fairfield Showground, super parks at Koonoona Park and Fairfield Adventure Park, and many more, but we are always looking to improve our open spaces further and provide unique parks all over our City that families can come and enjoy. We are also creating open spaces within high density areas, town centres and suburbs that encourage walking and cycling and healthy activity.

This strategy will help ensure all our residents continue to have access to quality open spaces and opportunities within a short walk or drive of their homes no matter where they live in our City.

INTRODUCTION

The Fairfield Open Space and Recreation Strategy (the Strategy) provides a framework for Fairfield City Council (Council) to deliver on Fairfield City community's growing and changing open space and recreation needs over the next 20 years to 2041

WHY DO WE NEED AN OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION STRATEGY?

Open space is so important to our community. It is the lungs of our City, an urban coolroom, it's a place for people of all ages and abilities to play, walk, ride, get active, and gather, and a home for plants and trees and animals. Having enough open space that is useable and easy to get to is critical to achieving a healthy and inclusive community and environment in Fairfield City.

Knowing how special our open spaces are, this Strategy seeks to provide a strategic framework for the future provision, planning, design and management of open space in Fairfield City to 2041. Having a plan in place ensures the continued and sustainable delivery of open space to support the community as we welcome new residents and workers into Fairfield City over the next 20 years.

WHAT IS OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION?

Open space refers to all publicly owned land that is set aside primarily for outdoor recreation, enjoyment, leisure, outdoor gathering and nature conservation. It includes parks and play spaces, sports grounds, community and civic spaces such as urban public spaces and plazas, linkage parks and recreation trails, waterways and natural bushland area.

Recreation includes a broad range of passive and active leisure activities. Recreation is a spectrum that can range from informal to formal, group to individual activities. As Figure 1 shows, these activities can range from going for a walk or a picnic with friends, fitness activities, through to group social, organised or elite sporting activities.

Picnics, reading, studying in parks

Walking

Playing in playgrounds

Skate parks & rock climbing

Group fitness

Social gatherings and celebrations

School sport, local organised sport

Representative & elite sport





We want to ensure that our community continues have access to great open spaces as our City grows and changes over the next 20 years to 2041.

To achieve this we will be guided by our five strategic directions:



Implementation



Throughout the development of this Strategy we have developed a range of tools to help implement the strategic directions.

Our strategy toolbox includes:

- Strategic rezoning and land acquisition.
- · Plans of Management.
- . Development Control Plans.
- Community engagement, education and partnership.
- . Establishing standards of open space embellishment.
- . Informing the works schedule in Development Contributions Plans.
- Informing open space asset management and capital works programs.



As shown by Figure 1, this open space strategy has been developed within Council's strategic planning framework. It has been heavily informed by the Fairfield City Open Space and Community Facilities Needs Study, and the Fairfield Open Space and Recreation Needs Analysis.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Highest level plan that a council will prepare - the purpose of this plan is to identify the community's main priorities and aspirations for the future and to plan strategies for achieving these goals.



DELIVERY PROGRAM

Sets out the principal activities that Council will deliver to the community during the Council term.

OPERATIONAL PLAN

Sets out the details of the Delivery Program - the individual projects, activities and budget.

LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN (LEP)

DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN (DCP)

Figure 1 - Fairfield City Strategic Planning Framework



WHAT WE HAVE

Fairfield City has more than 495 parks and reserves, which provide over 530ha of Council managed parkland incorporating a diverse range of recreational settings including children's playgrounds, youth facilities, picnic areas, walking and cycling trails, sports grounds, reserves, waterways, and bushland conservation areas.

WE HAVE MUCH TO BUILD ON

There is a strong legacy of open space and recreation facility provision to build on.

With significant investment in a large open space and recreation network that builds on Fairfield City's natural features and creates fun, attractive destinations for residents, workers and visitors to enjoy.



Fairfield has a large number of recreation facilities including:

- · 35 sports fields
- . 3 aquatic centres
- More than 70 courts including full sized basketball (9), netball (35) and tennis (29) courts. Plus 8 half basketball courts.
- · 2 skate parks
- . 18 outdoor fitness stations, and
- . Over 140 play spaces.



Fairfield City benefits from its unique natural features including:

- Over 80km of creeklines and adjoining walking and cycling paths
- over 440ha of open space at Western Sydney Parklands, and
- River foreshore and access at Lansvale.

Council has invested:

\$47.5million

in the last 10 years on new open space, recreation facilities, play spaces, lighting, sports spaces, maintenance and furniture.



Fairfield City has created many exciting destinations to visit including:

- Aquatopia
- · Fairfield Showground redevelopment
- Deerbush Park inclusive playground
- · Koonoona Park
- · The Crescent Plaza
- · Fairfield Youth and Community Centre, and



Aguatopia, Prairiewood



WHAT WE NEED

We know that our City is growing and changing. While there is an expansive existing open space network, there are some gaps in the network, that correspond to areas of future growth and higher density. Addressing these gaps in the network will be critical to supporting a healthy and sustainable community for the future residents who are going to live in these areas.

WE WILL NEED MORE OPEN SPACE AS THE CITY GROWS

We know that based on Fairfield City's 2016 population, there is 25.1 m² of open space per person overall. However, this open space isn't distributed evenly. As shown by Figure 2, some suburbs have as low as 1.6m² per person, while others have as high as 120.1m² per person. As the community continues to grow over the next 20 years, it is important that areas that have current low rates of open space, don't decline further. This is particularly important in areas such as Fairfield Heights, Villawood, Fairfield East, Cabramatta, Cabramatta West and Fairfield.

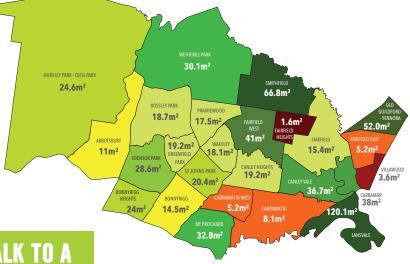
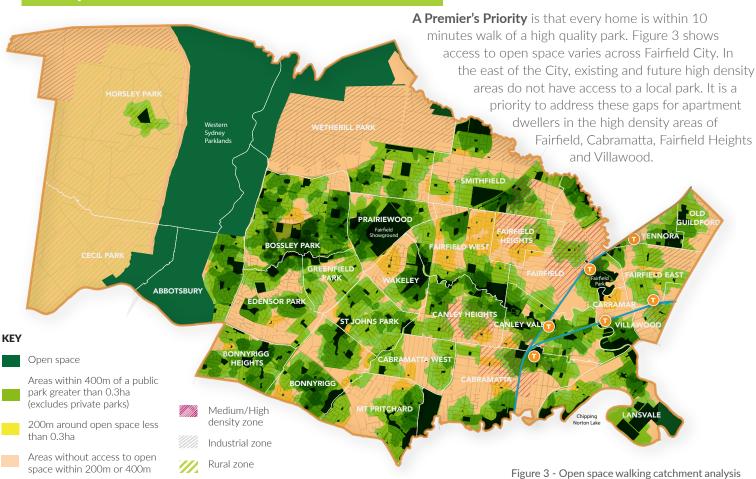


Figure 2 - 2016 m² of open space per person

CURRENTLY NOT EVERYONE CAN WALK TO A PARK, INCLUDING AREAS OF HIGH DENSITY



YOU'VE TOLD US THAT YOU NEED...



Affordable and fun ways to address heat in Fairfield City

Water play and places to get cool in summer were the most popular ideas for future open space. We also heard that a lack of shelter, and the heat in summer, is a key barrier to accessing parks. You also told us that you value trees and tree canopy, as well as sheltered places to sit and gather together. Ensuring there is a network of water play spaces across Fairfield City, especially in high density and high disadvantage areas will become more and more important to keep children cool and active.

NIGHT USE AND SAFETY

You want to be able to use, and feel safe in parks at night

Lighting and amenity for night time use was the second highest priority for open space and recreation facilities with safety in open space, including at night time, a key concern. Being able to access and use free fitness equipment after work hours, or socialise with friends at a basketball court or skate park after dinner was also very important to our culturally diverse community.



Affordable places for recreation and exercise are important to you

Exercise equipment for all ages is a very popular idea. The importance of exercise equipment for people who may not be able to afford a gym membership was also highlighted. You also told us you enjoy being outdoors and enjoying nature, the most popular spaces for recreation include walking paths in parks, and walking and cycling tracks along creek lines.

AFFORDABLE

You would like to see more fun and innovative places for children and young people in parks across Fairfield City



Providing spaces and things to do for children and young people in Fairfield City's open spaces was a key priority for the community. Play spaces are one of the most popular activities in parks, and you told us that you value these spaces very highly. You also indicated support for spaces for children that encourage learning, as well as spaces for young people including youth plazas, outdoor spaces to study, half courts and exercise equipment.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

You told us that places need to be inclusive for all ages and abilities



In a community as diverse as Fairfield, you told us that making sure places are inclusive and accessible was a top priority. Currently, not all play spaces and amenities are welcoming to people for all abilities and ages. You told us that there needs to be improvements to accessibility including fenced play areas, play equipment that is large enough for adults as well as children, and a variety of levels of play so that people with different abilities can play together.

AND TO HELP KEEP OUR CITY COOL THROUGH
MORE TREES, YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE ...



Fairfield City Council Open Space and Recreation Strategy

Across engagement to inform this Strategy, we heard your valuable suggestions and insights into your experiences with trees across Fairfield City.

You told us that you would like the opportunity to collaborate on the type of trees that are planted in front of your homes and along your streets. This would mean Council can share the benefits of street trees with the community, while also hearing your insights into appropriate species selection and placement.







- Being able to easily walk or wheel to a park is a key measure of liveability. It's also a Premiers Priority that all homes are within a 10 minute trip of a high quality public space, and a target within the GSC's Western City District Plan that all homes are within 400m walk or if in high density 200m walk of a park.
- We know that currently open space is not distributed evenly across Fairfield City with current or future high density areas including parts of Fairfield and Cabramatta lacking parks close by.
- Some suburbs within Fairfield City also have an existing low provision of open space with 1.6m² per person in Fairfield Heights and 3.6m² in Villawood.

More open space where we need it.

ACTIONS

Newp	parks for areas of new growth	Location
1.1	New dual-use local parks (0.3 to 1ha) in areas where stormwater detention basin is required to facilitate upzoning.	Fairfield Fairfield Heights Villawood (north)
1.2	New local parks within 200m for apartment dwellers in areas planned for future growth and density in town centres and neighbourhoods.	Farifeld (3) Fairfield Heights (1) Cabramatta (3) Canley Heights (1) Carramar (2) Smithfield (2) Yennora (2) Villawood
1.3	Include principles for developer provided open space within VPA policy guidelines including minimum size, location on corner of development sites and level of embellishment.	All future significant development sites
Impro	ve and expand existing open space ir	n areas of need
1.4	Expand existing parks where needed to increase their capacity to support recreation for significant growth in apartments.	Longfield Park, Cabramatta
1.5	Improve the quality of parks in areas of high density where capacity to acquire new parks is constrained.	Cabravale Memorial Park Nelson Park Hughes Park Fairfield Heights Park
1.6	Create localised circuits of shared trails around suburbs with a low open space provision including increased planting and way-finding to encourage children, older people, joggers and dog walkers to use their local streets as recreation spaces.	Fairfield Heights Fairfield Cabramatta

Enhand	e connections to existing open space	e
1.7	Strengthen pedestrian link at Bourke St and Market St, Smithfield through improved public domain, shade and signage and easy pedestrian crossings at The Horsely Drive to connect Smithfield town centre.	Smithfield
1.8	Investigate a pedestrian crossing at The Horsely Drive, Smithfield to allow pedestrian access from Stimson St to Smithfield Park.	Smithfield
1.9	Investigate new accessible under/ over rail crossings at Fairfield to increase access from the high density, residential precincts of Fairfield (north of the rail) to Fairfield Park (south of the rail).	Fairfield
1.10	Improve public domain landscaping and street planting from Fairfield Station to Fairfield Park.	Fairfield
1.11	Develop a way-finding strategy for the Fairfield City recreation creeklines to enhance connections to the recreation asset from residential areas. The wayfinding strategy shold reference historical places, people and stories from Cadigal - colonial - current day to assist people to connect to the land on which they live.	Fairfield, Carramar, Fairfield West, Canley Heights, Wakeley, Cabramatta, Cabramatta

KEY INITIATIVES

- . Council is currently looking to rezone new parks in areas of high need to support future growth. If approved, this will create new parks in Fairfield, Fairfield Heights, and Villawood.
- . A criteria for new open space has been developed to ensure that Council is planning for the right type of parks in the right places (see p. 20).
- An open space embellishment guide has been developed that sets a standard for what future parks will look like and what will be available for residents to enjoy.



- Compared to NSW, Fairfield City has a significantly higher rate of diabetes-related deaths (40.5% compared to 35.4%) and a significantly higher rate of obesity attributable deaths (41.2% compared to 36.4%) between 2016 - 2017.
- More recreation facilities will support our residents to be active and improve their health.

ACTIONS

Enhanced places for sport		Location
2.1	Consider a master plan for major sports spaces including Endeavour Sports Park, Brenan Park and Knight Park to maximise their potential to serve as multi-sport hubs.	Canley Vale, Smithfield
2.2	Convert/re-surface existing courts to allow for multi-purpose where appropriate (particularly single/double courts within parks).	LGA-wide
2.3	1 additional indoor recreation centre owned and managed by Council (can potentially be provided through joint use projects).	Bonnyrigg
2.4	At least 4 new multi-purpose indoor courts - this could be provided within a new multi-purpose centre or potentially through joint use projects.	Bonnyrigg, Cabramatta, Fairfield
2.5	Investigate upgrading fields in high demand, including the investigation of synthetic where appropriate.	Brenan Park Cabramatta Sports Ground Endeavour Sports Park

More pools to demand for learn to swim and hydrotherapy

Plan for:

 1 new outdoor pool (25m) suitable for laps and informal leisure at Cabravale Leisure Centre.

- 1 new indoor program pool at

Cabravale Leisure Centre.1 new indoor program pool in Parks Place suitable for learn to swim.

 1 new indoor program pool in Fairfield Leisure centre suitable for learn to swim. Cabravale Leisure Centre; Parks Place; Fairfield Leisure Centre

Improved access to the water for sports and recreation

Develop a master plan for Lansvale and Chipping Norton Lakes to make the area a recreation destination for watersports such as kayaking, canoeing, paddle boarding, boating and fishing. The Masterplan should explore opportunities for expanded launch point and boat ramp facilities, as well as ancillary uses such as picnic tables, BBQs, toilets and other facilities.

Lansvale and Chipping Norton Lakes 2.16



More opportunities for play			
2.10	3 new play spaces in Fairfield by 2036.	Fairfield (north of rail)	
2.11	2 play spaces in Cabramatta by 2036 (1 of which should be a destination play space in Cabravale Memorial Park).	Cabramatta	
2.12	1 inclusive play space in Bonnyrigg Town Centre Park.	Bonnyrigg	

More off-leash dog areas in high and medium density areas

Identify appropriate off-leash dog areas in future and/or existing parks in areas with a high proportion of medium and high density.

Cabramatta, Carramar; Fairfield; Fairfield Heights; Bonnyrigg; Villawood; Canley Heights

Adequate Affordable opportunities to exercise

Considering the high proportions of residents who experience socio-economic disadvantage, fitness equipment should be included in all future park design, however at a minimum, there is a need for the 1 new fitness station in each of the following suburbs to meet the future needs of Fairfield City.

Bonnyrigg Cabramatta West; Canley Heights; Fairfield; Fairfield Heights; Villawood

More places for young people to gather and play Formalise the existing skate park and

basketball court at Bonnyrigg Town Centre
Park as a Youth recreation precinct through
engagement with young people and
increased embellishment such as seating,
power sources, wifi and legal graffiti walls.

Bonnyrigg
Town Centre
Park

Introduce further youth friendly elements

outside PCYC to formalise the space as

a youth precinct. This should be done in

consultation with local young people.

Cabramatta

Plan for a youth recreation precinct in the Villawood Town Centre by 2024 for apartment dwellers of the near future.

Villawood

2.6



- 71% of people in Fairfield City speak a language other than English at home and in some suburbs, 20% of residents have arrived to Australia within the last five years.
- 21% of Fairfield city's households earn less than \$650 a week, highlighting the need for inclusive, affordable opportunities to participate in recreation.

DIRECTION 3: Welcoming open space that brings us together

ACTIONS

	space that is welcoming, inclusive flective of our diverse community	Possible locations	
3.1	Activate appropriate regional parks at night with creative lighting that reflects the local culture and recreational needs of the community.	Cabravale Memorial Park, Fairfield Park, Adams Park and Brenan Park	
3.2	Adopt an "everyone can play" approach to the future design of playgrounds within district and regional parks.	All	
3.3	Introduce formalised hard flat surface areas to support informal performance and social recreation activities (e.g. Tai Chi, dance).	Cabramatta Memorial Park	
3.4	Incorporate youth friendly elements into parks near major public transport stops including table tennis, half basketball courts, public wi-fi and power points. Engage young people to inform the park design.	Bonnyrigg Town Centre Park (near T-Way); Villawood	
3.5	Plan for increased free water play opportunities in local parks especially in communities experiencing socio-economic disadvantage, forecast future population growth and high density, particularly in Fairfield and Cabramatta by 2024 that could include town centre plazas (as part of sculptural elements) and accessible neighborhood parks.	Fairfield; Cabramatta	
Open space that delights and regenerates			
	Embod 'play trails' connecting town		

Embed 'play trails' connecting town centres to nearby through playful features such as footpaths painted with games, colourful pots and benches and climbable features or public art.

Fairfield; Cabramatta;

3.7	Embed public art by local artists in civic spaces and future park upgrades that reflect local stories and increase a sense of local ownership over open spaces.	All
3.8	Establish an EOI process for the establishment of local community gardens in appropriate parks to encourage community interaction	All

KEY INITIATIVES

- The Crescent Plaza is an example of how public art is integrated into open space to tell local stories and give a sense of character and identity.
- Redevelopment of Fairfield Showground will provide a regional place for the community together for cultural, sporting, market or other event spaces.
- The \$1.3 million upgrade of Deerbush Park located at the southern end of the site near Smithfield Road will be designed for people of all abilities, with wheelchair accessibility as part of the plans.



3.6



- In 2016 Fairfield City had 10% tree canopy, which is lower than Western City district at 16% and significantly lower than Greater Sydney (23%).
- Most of Fairfield City's existing tree canopy is within existing open space or along waterways, demonstrating the important ecological role our open space plays in keeping our environment healthy and cool.



Increased tree canopy for cooler streets and places

- Implement Development Control Plan amendments that support increased tree planting of local indigenous species and grassed, permeable areas.
- **4.2** Establish a targeted planting program on Councilowned land to increase canopy in suburbs with 0 10% tree canopy coverage.
- 4.3 Increase community education around the value of street trees and actively collaborate with the community when street planting including a trial 'greener streets' community program and strategy.
- 4.4 Establish a network of 'bio-diversity' pockets that support native flowers, shrubs or trees, particularly in under-utilised parcels of open space with little recreation value.

Strengthened green and blue grid connections

Parklands and Chipping Norton Lakes by 2024 through an adopted master plan prepared in collaboration with adjoining Councils that creates a regional 'lakes run' for Fairfield City residents and our neighbours in Liverpool and Canterbury-Bankstown.

Deliver Green Grid Priority 12 - Five Fairfield

Deliver Green Grid Priority 7 - Georges River

Creeks, with opportunities to enhance the network through a branding and way-finding strategy. The creeks are also part natural, part concrete channel with community engagement indicating a strong desire for Council to continue it's groundbreaking naturalisation program "Restoring the Waters" and complete restoration

4.7 Deliver Green Grid Priority 4 - Ropes Creek by careful planning of land use, open spaces and accessibility along creek-lines in any future urban development of Horsely Park and Cecil Park.

Develop a community arts program to activate fences backing the creek-lines that will improve perceptions of safety and create an attraction along the creek-lines to increase use of the recreation trails.



Work to ensure the FCC cycleway network and existing open space facilities are aligned and connected to improve access and amenity for natural environment spaces.

Increasing community opportunities to engage with nature

4.10 Develop a creek-care program with local schools to engage young people in environmental restoration and conservation programs.

Include information about local indigenous species and natural areas in parks for the community to learn more about local bio-diversity and the value it brings.

Design a community program for newly arrived residents to introduce them to Fairfield City's natural areas and Australian native Flora and Fauna.

Provide support and information for Horsley Park and Cecil Park residents who own sections of the creeks through information sessions.

KEY INITIATIVES

- Council delivers environmental education programs through schools and the Fairfield Council Environment Calendar.
- Council manages the native nursery to establish and promote native plants within the Fairfield LGA.
- Council leads bush and creek regeneration works, which includes an environmental volunteer program, site preparation and planting on National Tree Day.



of the creek network.



- Council invests millions of dollars into the creation, maintenance and management of open space. This includes zoning land to reserve space for future parks where they are needed, and buying these properties when landowners are ready to sell at an agreed price.
- Transparent prioritisation based on need, tapping into renewable and recycled resources, and establishing service standards will ensure efficient, sustainable, and equitable management and the best value for money.

ACTIONS

Ustilise smart technology to reduce operation costs

Trial smart-city technology in major sporting and courts (such as Brenan Park, Fairfield Park Tennis Complex and Adams Park) such as smart access, smart remote lighting, and smart irrigation systems to reduce operation and management costs.

5.2 Investigate an online field and courts booking system to allow greater transparency and efficient allocation of fields and courts.

Fair fees for fair use

Consider the socio-economic profile of our community in a review of fees and charges for access to leisure facilities including indoor courts and pools, or consider increasing concessions for families

Build in renewable and recycled features for sustainable management

Invest in the use of waters tanks, water harvesting, and water sensitive urban design in the future upgrade of major sporting spaces and park upgrades including Fairfield park, Endevour Sports Park, Brenan Park, and Cabramatta Sports Ground.

Integrate solar panels and water tanks on sporting amenities blocks and clubhouses to help power our fields and parks into the evening and keep them green.

Smart and sustainable funding and management

Implement the 'open space embellishment guide' in the design of future parks to ensure the sustainable allocation of council resources for delivery as well as ongoing management.

5.7 Embed principles for new open space provision in Council's VPA policy and refer to the open space embellishment guide for the expected standard of future parks.

Investigate rationalisation of open space in areas with significant levels of provision or in areas with fragmented small parcels of RE1 Public recreation land less than 1,000m2, in order to fund the creation of better located and accessible neighborhood parks of at least 3,000m²



Review parks in need of an updated plan of management (existing plans older than 10 years) to ensure the parks management and use reflects current and future community needs.

Partnerships and collaboration

Actively engage and collaborate with neighbouring councils, State Government as well as the Western Sydney Parklands trust to deliver regional open space green grid connections (particularly Green Grid Priorities 7 and 21).

Investigate opportunities for shared recreation facilities with any future school redevelopments, particularly for indoor recreation facilities.

KEY INITIATIVES

- Council has installed sensors for soil moisture, temperature and wind at a number of sportsfields which assist to determine quality of sports surface and will eventually align with the irrigation systems for streamlined management of sports surfaces.
- Pinpad access has been provided to the synthetic field at Fairfield Showground, which is part of a program rolling out smart access to sports facilities integrated with an online booking system.

 Remote activation of field lighting at most sportsfields.







- Strategic rezoning and land acquisition
- Plans of management
- Development control plans
- Community engagement, education and partnership
- Establishing standards of open space embellishment
- Informing developer contributions
- Informing open space asset management and capital works programs
- Needs analysis

1. Strategic rezoning and acquisition

To deliver on the strategic directions, Council will need to create new parks where there is a shortfall in existing provision and where apartments are planned in the future.

To prioritise appropriate sites for new parks across Fairfield City and make the best use of Council's limited resources for the greatest benefit, the following criteria was developed. See Figure 4 over page for a map showing areas for investigation.

Timely planning to secure future sites will allow long term delivery of open space by gradual acquisition of sites when landowners are ready to sell. For some sites, acquisition occurs guickly with agreement, for example McBurney Park, Cabramatta. Other sites take a number of years for example Ascot Street neighbourhood park, Canley Heights. The five properties were rezoned in early 2014, with the first property sold to Council in mid 2020 when the owner was ready.

Criteria	Weighting (1-5)
Land is in an area that has a current deficiency for local open space (high, medium low density zoning is a consideration for scoring, based on walking catchment analysis).	5
Land is required to facilitate development (e.g. has a dual purpose as a detention basin).	5
Land will enlarge existing park to achieve a larger local park 0.3hr to 0.5ha in size.	3
Ease of completing acquisition (e.g. minimal lots are required to form park).	5
Street frontage and visibility (high score has greater than 50% street frontage, in a prominent location).	3
Social need (based on SEIFA score).	3
Existing assets on site (e.g. lot offers ecological, heritage, shade benefits)	2

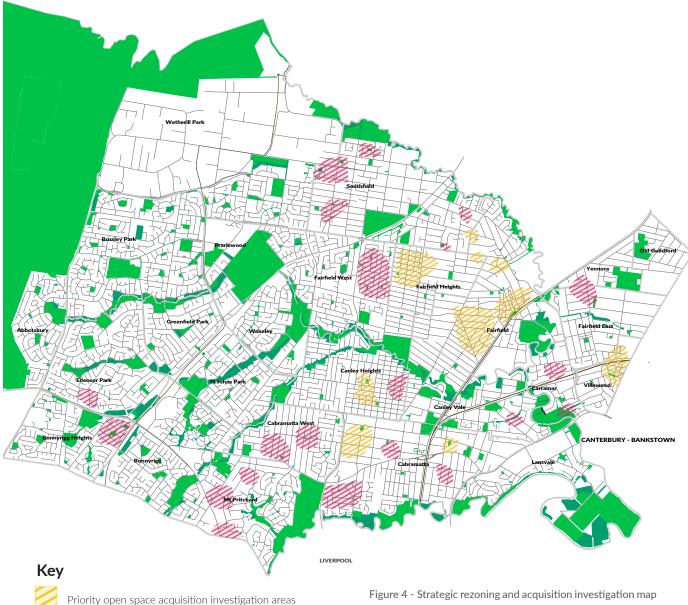


Figure 4 - Strategic rezoning and acquisition investigation map

Strategic rezoning and acquisition investigation map

This map illustrates open space acquisition investigation areas. Priority areas have been determined based on the above criteria.

Land will be reserved for open space by rezoning and letting landowners and the market know the intended future community use. Council will purchase the RE1 Public Recreation Zone sites when landowners are ready to sell at an agreed price.

More detail around investigation sites is described below:

Precincts for the provision of new accessible 0.2 - 0.3ha neighbourhood parks:

- . Fairfield (north) High Priority: Area bounded by Brenan Street, the Horsley drive, Polding Street and Marlborough Street - one neighbourhood park
- Fairfield (south) High Priority: Area bounded by Coleraine Street, The Grove
- Cabramatta (south east) High Priority: Area bound by Cabramatta Road East, Lovoni Street and Junction Street
- Fairfield Heights High Priority: Area bounded by Polding Street, Sackville Street, Ware Street and Marlborough Street - one neighbourhood park to be informed by Flood Modelling Study
- Fairfield Heights High Priority: Area bounded by Polding Street, The Boulevarde,

Other open space acquisition investigation areas

Existing Open space (zoned RE1)

Existing Environmental areas (zoned E2)

Beemera Street and Maud Street

- Smithfield (east) High Priority: Area bounded by Eton Street, Marlborough Street, Brenan Street and Stimson Street
- Mt Pritchard: Area bounded Pritchard Street. Anderson Avenue and Meadows Road one neighbourhood park Area bounded by Anderson Avenue, creek corridor, Townview Road, Reservoir Road, Edensor Road
- Carramar (north) High Priority: Area bound by Mitchell Street, The Horsley Drive, River Avenue, and Ruby Street
- Cabramatta West: Area bound by creek corridor, Harringoth Street, Cabramatta Road West and Meadows Road
- Canley Heights (south): Area bound by Canley Vale Road, Palmerston Street, Derria Street and Adolphus Street
- . Cabramatta (north west): Area bounded by Broad Street, Cabramatta Road West and Joseph Street
- Cabramatta (south west): Area bounded by Cabramatta Road West, Grace Avenue and Cabramatta High School, Cabrammata Creek corridor and Bowden Street.
- **Yennora:** Area bound by Railway Parade, Matthes Street and Fairfield Street - one neighbourhood park

Precincts where existing open space to be enlarged to accommodate growing apartment developments

- Cabramatta (north east) High Priority: Area bounded by Longfield Street, Fairview Road, Cabramatta Road East and Broomfield Street -Longfield Park
- Canley Heights (south) High Priority: Area bounded by Canley vale Road, Salisbury Street, Wyong Road and Cambridge Street (Cumberland Highway)
- Fairfield (central) High Priority: Area bounded by The Horsley Drive, Alan Street, and Court Road.
- Fairfield (central) High Priority: Area bounded by Wrentmore Street. Thomas Street. Hamilton Road and Sackville Street - one

- neighbourhood park to be informed by Flood Modelling Study
- Fairfield (south) High Priority: Area bounded by Hamilton road, Lackey Street, Frederick Street, Railway Parade, Coleraine Street
- Fairfield Heights High Priority: Area bounded by Stanbrook Street, Marlborough Street, Station Street and The Boulevarde
- Villawood (north) High Priority: Area bounded by Bligh Street, residential zoning boundary, Belmore Street and Mandarin Street - one neighbourhood park to be informed by Flood Modelling Study
- Villawood (south) High Priority: Area bounded by Howatt Street, Woodville Road, Kamira Avenue

Precincts where existing open space to be made significantly more accessible or useable by strategic acquisition

- Cabramatta (north west) High Priority: Area bounded by McBurney Road, Gladstone Street, Gilbert Street and Joseph Street (Cumberland Highway)
- Carramar (north) High Priority: Artkins Avenue
- Carramar (south) High Priority: Area bound by Waterside Crescent, Quest Avenue, Liverpool Road (Hume Highway) and Prospect Creek Corridor).
- Fairfield East (north) High Priority: Area bound by Lisbon street, open space zoning boundary, Seville Street and Crown Street Area bounded by Fairfield Street, Victory Street, Burns Creek corridor and The Horsley Drive
- **Smithfield High Priority:** Area bound by Zone R2/Zone R3 boundary, Neerini Avenue, Polding Street and Barton St
- Villawood (south) High Priority: bounded by Wattle Avenue, Karrang Avenue, Koonoona Avenue and Elm Street

Town Centre Precincts where public plazas, activated laneways and pocket parks required due to apartment development and opportunities to improve connectivity

Fairfield:

- Area bounded by Kenyon Street, Ware Street, Harris Street and Barbara Street – one civic square
- Area bounded by Harris Street, Ware Street, The Crescent, Hamilton Road and William Street – activated laneway
- Area bounded by Spencer Street, Court Road, The Crescent and Smart Street - activated laneway and pocket park 1000m²
- Area bounded by Civic Centre Arc, Council Lane, rear of The Crescent properties, Ware Street – activated laneway

Heritage Precincts where rezoning will consolidate existing open space to enhance community access, embellished with informative signage and other interpretative elements

- Bonnyrigg Heights High Priority: Orphan School Precinct - Rezone 15 Cartwright Street (Council owned land - 6,250m²)
- Carramar (north) High Priority for Rezoning: Heiden and Oakdene Park Precinct - Atkins Avenue (2,500m²)

Precincts where opportunity exists to provide open space through Voluntary Planning Agreement associated with Rezoning or Development Application

- Fairfield City Centre (north): Area bounded by Cunninghame Street, Smart Street, Nelson Street and Station Street – one neighbourhood park
- Fairfield City Centre (central): Area bounded by Nelson Street, Court Road, Spencer Street and Smart Street – plaza and activated pedestrian links
- Fairfield City Centre (south): Area bound by Ware Street, Kenyon Lane, Barbara Street and Nelson Street (southern properties facing Kenyon Street) – plaza and activated pedestrian links
- Cabramatta Town Centre (east): Area bounded by Fisher Street, Cumberland Street, Cabramatta Road East and Broomfield Street – plaza and activated pedestrian links

- Cabramatta Town Centre (west): Area bounded by Mc Burney Road, Railway Parade, Hughes Street and Park Road – activated laneways
- Smithfield Town Centre (north): Area bounded by Stein Lane, 669 and 673 The Horsley Drive, The Horsley Drive and Justin Street –plaza and activated pedestrian links
- Smithfield Town Centre (south): Area bounded by The Horsley Drive, Smithfield road (Cumberland Highway) Neville Street and Justin Street - plaza and activated pedestrian links
- 47 Stanbrook Street, 160-132 Station Street, 176-186 The Boulevarde public spaces, activated pedestrian links; road link with pedestrian foothapth providing secondary frontage to new neighbourhood park at 130-132 Station Street.
- Villawood Town Centre and adjoining Zone R4 High Density (LAHC): Area bounded by Villawood Road, Villawood Place, Howatt Street and Kamira Avenue – neighbourhood park, public spaces and activated pedestrian links.

2. Proposed Development Control Plan changes

Key changes to Landscape Controls within the Fairfield DCP have been proposed to make it easier for residents and investors looking to develop new dwellings to understand Council's landscape expectations. Having clear landscape objectives and controls will result in better outcomes for greening and landscaping in Fairfield City at a range of scales from detached dwelling houses, through to townhouses and villas to residential flat buildings. By implementing Water Sensitive Urban Design controls in our DCP, we can increase biodiversity, cooling, vegetation cover and improve stormwater quality.

3. Open Space Embellishment Guide

An Open Space Embellishment Guide has been developed to help inform the standard of future embellishment of open space within Fairfield City. Standardised levels of embellishment based on park hierarchy or identified need are important to ensure equity of provision across Fairfield City. Having clear standards helps council plan for provision of adequate facilities and amenities in appropriate places where the majority of residents can access them. It is also means that Council resources for capital works and maintenance are allocated efficiently and sustainably.

4. Plans of Management templates

These plans set out objectives and performance targets, active land management and use for community land owned and managed by Council as well as land managed on behalf of State Government. To help Council ensure their plans are up to date and reflect current and future community needs, a template has been developed to streamline the review process that is recommended to occur every ten years after a Census.

5. Developer Contributions Plans

Through this strategy, a works schedule will be prepared to inform revised development contibution plans. For Direct Contributions Plans, where the rate of contribution reflects the new demand generated, the works schedules will ensure Council can collect fund from future development.

6. Community engagement, education and partnerships

Community engagement to inform the open space and recreation strategy highlighted the benefits of engaging with the community, especially when seeking to increase tree canopy across Fairfield City.

Unexpected insights emerge, as well as the core needs of residents living in different circumstances throughout the City.

